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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter, and new claims 34-37 have been added. Claims 1-37 would be pending upon entry of this Amendment, with claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 being in independent form.

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 14-19, 22, 24-29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Cairo (US 5,809,116) in view of Tanimoto (US 2003/0020960 A1) and Chen (US 2002/0094076 A1). Claims 7, 8, 10, 13, 20, 21, 23, 30, 31 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Tanimoto in view of Chen and further in view of Bloomfield (US 6,025,931).

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is allowable over the cited art, for at least the reason that the cited art does not disclose or suggest the aspects of the present application of (a) outputting a communication result notification, indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, when the facsimile communication ends, wherein (b) output of the communication result notification is triggered solely by a condition that the specific destination identifying section finds the corresponding destination name in the specific destination name storage section.

All of the references cited in the present rejections have previously been considered and it was agreed in the telephone interview conducted by SPL Park and Examiner Pachol with the undersigned on February 19, 2009 that the cited references simply do not disclose or suggest such aspects.

Cairo, as acknowledged in the Office Action, does NOT involve storing destination names of specific destinations in a storage section and outputting a communication result

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notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, and does NOT disclose or suggest the above-mentioned aspects (a) and (b).

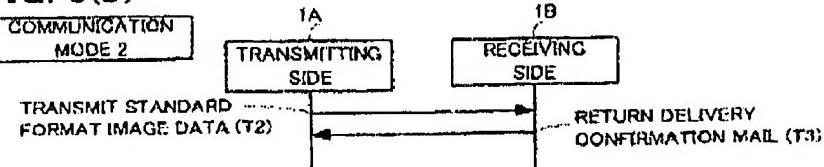
Tanimoto was discussed at length in the February 19, 2009 telephone interview, and it was agreed by SPE Park and Examiner Pachol that Tanimoto does *NOT* involve outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, solely on a condition that the corresponding destination name is found in the specific destination name storage section.

As previously pointed out and as evident in Tanimoto (see, for example, [0089]), in the process proposed in Tanimoto, the issue of whether a request for delivery confirmation has been made by the user is considered only after a search for (and consideration of) receiving ability information of the destination (or receiving end) has been conducted, and notification of delivery information in Tanimoto depends on consideration of any such receiving ability information of the destination or receiving end.

Accordingly, output of any communication result notification (indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end) does *NOT* depend solely on a condition that the corresponding destination name is found in the specific destination name storage section.

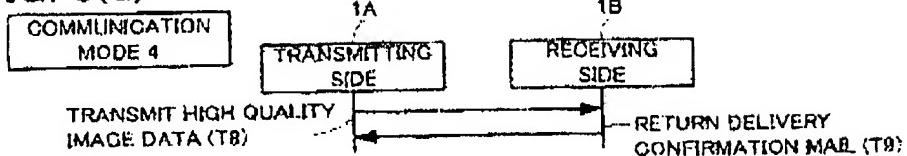
Further, as clearly shown in Fig. 3(b) and Fig. 3(d) [reproduced below] of Tanimoto, the delivery confirmation mail is transmitted from the receiving side receiving the image data and NOT from the facsimile sending apparatus, when the facsimile communication ends.

FIG. 3(b)



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FIG. 3(d)

Tanimoto simply does *NOT* disclose or suggest the above-mentioned aspects of the present application of (a) outputting a communication result notification, indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end; when the facsimile communication ends, wherein (b) output of the communication result notification is triggered solely by a condition that the specific destination identifying section finds the corresponding destination name in the specific destination name storage section.

Chen, as understood by applicant, proposes an approach for controlling caller ID announcement during a ringing call received at a receiving end telephone, so that a user of receiving end telephone can decide whether to pick-up the call (or terminate it or let it continue to ring).

Chen does *NOT* involve outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, much less outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, solely on a condition that the corresponding destination name is found in the specific destination name storage section.

Chen merely proposes maintaining a list used for matching a caller, but does not disclose or suggest maintaining a list for matching a destination to which a facsimile transmission is being performed.

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In short, neither Chen nor Tanimoto involves (a) outputting a communication result notification, indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, when the facsimile communication ends, wherein (b) output of the communication result notification is triggered solely by a condition that the specific destination identifying section finds the corresponding destination name in the specific destination name storage section.

Bloomfield has already been discussed in the record, and like the other references, does not disclose or suggest (a) outputting a communication result notification, indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission to the receiving end, when the facsimile communication ends, wherein (b) output of the communication result notification is triggered solely by a condition that the specific destination identifying section finds the corresponding destination name in the specific destination name storage section.

Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does *NOT* render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspects of the present application.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 24, and the claims depending therefrom, are allowable over the cited art.

In view of the remarks hereinabove, applicant submits that the application is now allowable, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this Amendment, and to credit any overpayment during prosecution of this application, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner

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